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March 3, 2017

Dear Mr. Roberson;

We want to thank you and your staff for the hospitality shown to us and our colleagues in our visits to your office. The relationship between our Bears Ears Commission and the Bureau of Land Management will be central to the success of management of the Bears Ears National Monument. We think we are off to a good start and look forward to working closely with you.

As you know, each of the five tribes must certify a member of the Commission. These positions are very important to each of our tribes and we have been proceeding carefully and diligently. As of this week, all five tribes have completed their respective internal governmental process to be certified as Commissioners. Of course, this doesn't mean that we have taken an unreasonably long time to make these major decisions. After all, the national monument was proclaimed just two months ago.

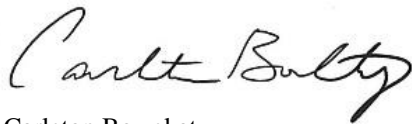
In terms of getting started, we would like to propose this: Now that our commissioners are certified, we will schedule our first Commission meeting as soon as possible. We have a lot of work to do at this organizational meeting, because there has never been an institution exactly like this one. In addition to other things, we will begin work on bylaws and a formal mission, establish funding priorities, and lay plans for putting a staff in place.

Shortly after that point, we would like to have an initial meeting with you and your staff. Preliminarily, we would expect to hold that meeting in late March; we would appreciate your advice on whether we should set a tentative date now, or wait until the Commission has held its organizational meeting. In any event, at this initial meeting our Commission and your office can begin discussing the ways that we can work together in managing this wonderful monument.

We would request that you not make any substantial decisions until we can have our initial meeting. For example, you have mentioned holding a public meeting. We ask you to hold off on that decision until we have had our initial meeting and a chance to discuss the issue with you.

Again, we appreciate the openness and support you have extended to us. We will proceed in the same way, and are optimistic about the exciting things we can create together.

Thank you for your courtesy.



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Zuni Tribal Councilman  
Co-Chair, Bears Ears  
Inter-tribal Coalition



Alfred Lomahquahu  
Hopi Vice-Chair  
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